

SPLIT IN G. O. P. HALTS CURB BILLS

Seven Members Refuse to Aid Measures to Tie N. J. Gov- ernor's Hands

BOTH HOUSES ORGANIZE

Trenton, Jan. 14.—Organization of the New Jersey legislature was effected without a ripple to disturb the harmony of the occasion, but beneath the outward serenity were signs of underlying differences pointing to a lively political struggle before the session is far advanced.

Incidents of the day, apart from the formal organization, included the swearing in of Senator Clarence E. Case as acting governor for a week, endorsement of James R. Runyon by the Democratic assemblymen from Essex as a candidate for President on an anti-prohibition platform, unanimous endorsement by Republicans of Newton A. K. Hughes for another term as state comptroller and an agreement among the Democrats to support a measure sanctioning the manufacture and sale of beverages containing not more than 3 per cent of alcohol.

Women of New Jersey renewed their fight on the question of whether the Legislature shall ratify the suffrage amendment to the United States constitution. Coincident with the opening of the Legislature three separate headquarters were opened in this city by the National Woman's party and the New Jersey State Suffrage Association, which favor ratification, and the Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage. A vigorous campaign will be conducted from each headquarters until the Legislature finally acts upon the question of ratification.

Split in G. O. P. Continues

Evidences of a Republican split, already intimated, became more and more apparent as the day went on, and after a series of recesses and conferences the Republicans were still uncertain as to the course to be pursued. The Senate adjourned after organizing and the introduction of a number of bills until tomorrow morning, leaving the House members to wrestle with party problems for the time being.

Following conferences, lasting until late yesterday, the Republican majority decided to temporarily postpone its decision to force through legislation curbing the power of Governor-elect Edwards to remove officials. The real reason for this course was that the Republicans are unable to muster sufficient votes to insure passage of the legislation. Seven members of the House flatly declared they would not support the bills unless they were included in them a right of appeal to the courts by ousted officials. The right of appeal had been decided against by the Republican conference and the House the seven members to abide by this decision resulted in much confusion.

In addition, it was learned that strong opposition to the curbing legislation had become manifest in the Senate, and it seemed certain that at least three and possibly five of the Republican senators would vote against the bills.

Message Free From Politics

Governor Runyon's message submitted to the Legislature at its opening session was a forceful presentation of his views respecting a group of subjects with which the Legislature will be called upon to deal between now and the time of final adjournment. The message was entirely free from politics and contained only general recommendations which Governor Runyon believed should be followed. In most cases the details were left entirely for the Legislature to work out.

One of the outstanding features of the message was an appeal to the lawmakers to take no action which would place New Jersey in the position of seeking to nullify the federal constitution. Until the validity of the eighteenth amendment has been finally determined, he said, it should be regarded as the supreme law of the land. Prompt ratification of the woman suffrage amendment to the constitution was strongly urged in the message. Governor Runyon expressed the hope that no legislation would be passed tending to weaken observance of the Sabbath.

\$10,228,735 ASKED FOR STATE EXPENSES

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 14.—Appropriations amounting to \$10,228,735.92 for general state purposes, and further appropriations totaling \$1,800,023.75 for educational purposes, were recommended to the legislature in the annual budget message from Acting Governor Runyon yesterday.

The larger outlay is taken from the general state funds, while the appropriation for educational purposes is derived from a railway tax. Several recommendations were made for new construction and salary increases.

According to assurances given him by State Controller Boggs and State Treasurer Read, January 2, last, Mr. Runyon said the probable receipts for the year would be \$10,150,000, with a free balance on June 30, of \$250,000. This will make a total of \$10,718,000 available for such appropriations as the state and without taking into account the disbursements

which by law are payable from school, road or other special funds.

"The revenues for the general expenditures of the state," said Mr. Runyon, "have grown tremendously in the amount over those of the pre-war period. This was inevitable because of the generally recognized increase in salaries and wages and in prices of materials for which no amount of economy and efficiency could wholly compensate. War conditions brought an unprecedented demand, and while the specific war activities have ceased, they have been largely superseded by new demands, such as the industrial and social conditions which have arisen or been better understood in this post-war period."

Mr. Runyon declared there has been a gratifying increase in the revenues of the state. He said the large increases in school and road funds have not been nor should they be made available for general state uses. He also asserted the increase in revenues according to the general treasury funds has not been sufficient to meet both the increased cost and the increased current demands upon them.

CASE MADE GOVERNOR OF JERSEY FOR WEEK

Trenton, Jan. 14.—Clarence E. Case, of Somerset county, chosen president of the State Senate at the organization of the Legislature for its 144th annual session, became acting governor of New Jersey at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon as the successor of Acting Governor William N. Runyon, of Union.

The oath of office was administered in the executive reception room at the Capitol by Chancellor Edwin Robert Walker in the presence of the wife and daughter of Senator Case, United States Senator Walter E. Edge, Attorney General Thomas E. McLean, State Treasurer William T. Read and other prominent men.

Proceeding exchange of felicitations between the old and new governors Mr. Runyon handed over the great seal of the state to Mr. Case and impressively remarked that it stood for representative government. Mr. Case replied feelingly that he would try and serve in the new office to the best of his ability.

Acting Governor Case will return to the post of president of the Senate next Tuesday after the inauguration of Governor-elect Edward I. Edwards, of Jersey City. Mr. Runyon yesterday resigned his seat as the senator from Union.

TWO-BARREL DIVIDEND

Brewery Stockholders Get Real Beer as Return on Investment

Providence, R. I., Jan. 14.—(By A. P.)—Stockholders in local breweries expected today to receive a dividend in the form of the beer or ale in stock since operations ceased several months ago.

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HUGHES WILL GIVE SOCIALISTS HELP

Heads N. Y. Bar Association Committee to Support Ousted Assemblymen

WILL SPEED UP HEARING

New York, Jan. 14.—A special committee of the Bar Association of New York city, headed by Charles Evans Hughes, will give legal support to the five Socialists suspended at the opening session of the Assembly.

This course was determined upon after a long and stormy session of the bar association at its annual meeting. The organization adopted a resolution by Justice Hughes condemning the action of the Assembly in suspending the Socialists and pledging them legal aid. The vote was 174 to 117.

As a result of the bar association's action the Socialists' committee of eight, having charge of the fight for reinstatement of the suspended men, was going ahead today with detailed plans for the contest.

The resolution introduced by Hughes was substantially as follows: "Whereas, This association regards with a deep sense of anxiety the action of the Assembly of this state in suspending from the membership the five members of the Socialist party who were duly elected members of the Assembly at the last election; and whereas, Any attempt by a majority to exclude from the Legislature those who have been duly elected to its membership merely because of their affiliation with a political party is un-American, and, if successful, must destroy the rights of minorities and the very foundations of representative government; and

"Whereas, The five members of the Socialist party now suspended from membership are charged to be unfit for membership in the Legislature because of their membership in the Socialist party, and not because of any personal unfitness; it is hereby

"Resolved, That this association is unalterably opposed to any action by the Assembly excluding from its membership because of affiliation with any political party any person duly elected to its membership; and it is further

"Resolved, That the president of this association appoint a special committee

who shall appear before the Assembly or its Judiciary committee and take such action as may in their judgment be necessary to safeguard and protect the principles of representative government that are involved in the proceedings now pending."

Lawyers for the suspended Socialists have protested against postponement of the hearing by the Judiciary committee and announced that they would send a delegation of two to Albany to inform the committee that the defense is ready to proceed at once.

The defense holds that no such action had ever been attempted by the state Legislature before and that the Assembly had no such powers as they have arrogated in this case.

If this motion is denied, the defense will challenge the accusers to prove their charges.

The bar association committee includes: Charles E. Hughes, chairman; Morgan J. O'Brien, Louis Marshall, Joseph J. Proskauer and Ogden L. Mills.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 14.—Interest in the cases of the five Socialists suspended from the Assembly was focused today on the report of a subcommittee of the Judiciary committee, appointed yesterday to draw up the rules of procedure which shall govern the trial by the committee as a whole. The subcommittee was expected to report today.

Members of the committee said every reasonable effort would be made to hasten the trial, but that delay due to the need of summoning witnesses and preparing formal charges doubtless would make it impossible to start the public hearings at the Capitol before next Tuesday. It is expected that by that time the charges will have been served on the quiet, who have returned to their homes in greater New York, and that they will have had time to return to Albany with their counsel.

The Judiciary committee organized after a session of the lower house at which it was decided that the Assembly as a whole should not act as a trial court, but that the matter should be placed in the hands of its committee. In that connection, the House approved a proposal by Theodore Roosevelt that the committee hearings should be public, and that

stenographic reports of testimony should be furnished every member of the Assembly.

Thaddeus C. Sweet, speaker of the Assembly, this morning declared he did not know what would be the status of the committee which the Association of the Bar of the City of New York purposes to send to the Capitol to protest against the unseating of the Socialists.

Whether the lawyers will be permitted to participate in the proceedings of the Judiciary committee will, in the opinion of Mr. Sweet, depend upon the rules of procedure which will govern the trial. He added, however, that if the Bar Association committee did not appear as counsel for the Socialists, but took the position of a neutral, it would establish a dangerous precedent by opening the way to delegations of all kinds to appear in a similar capacity at other proceedings.

"I hope you will quote me correctly," he said, "in stating that this will be an absolutely fair trial and that the people of the state will have put before

them all the evidence and will not have to depend on biased accounts by a certain part of the press."

Fire in Cellar of Vacant Store

Rubbish in the cellar of a vacant store at 427 North Broad street caught fire at 9:15 o'clock this morning. Firemen extinguished the flames before serious damage was done. It is believed that some one threw a lighted cigarette butt through a grating in front of the store.

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